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Mississippi Shrimping Waters North of Intracoastal Waterway To Close Dec. 31

BILOXI, Miss.—The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) by virtue of Mississippi State Statute 49-15-64.1 announces the closing of shrimping north of the Intracoastal Waterway, **effective Dec. 31, 2004 at midnight.** All waters south of the Intracoastal Waterway will remain open until midnight, April 30, 2005.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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